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Growth Management Services



The mission of Growth Management Services is to assist and guide local governments, state agencies, and others to manage growth and development consistent with the Growth Management Act.

New for Growth Management Services is the *Draft 2012 Urban Growth Area (UGA) Guidebook*. Download the new guidebook at www.commerce.wa.gov.

Chapters in the new guidebook are:

- UGAs and Urban Services
- Cost of Urban Services in UGAs
- Tools to Manage UGAs
- Population Projections for UGAs
- Land Capacity Analysis and Buildable Lands Program for UGAs
- Housing - Market Conditions – Healthy Transportation Opportunities in UGAs
- Procedural Process – Public Participation – SEPA for UGAs
- Implementation – Monitoring – Indicators and Benchmarks for UGAs

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Fast Facts

- The Growth Management Act (GMA) 36.70A RCW authorizes planning in Washington State.
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 365-196 provides guidance to meet GMA goals and requirements.
- 39 counties participate – 29 counties and their cities are fully planning, and 10 counties and their cities are partially planning under the GMA.
- Fully planning counties and cities are required to plan Urban Growth Areas.
- Urban Growth Areas need to accommodate 20-years of potential growth, and need urban services.

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